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¶1. (SBU) We delivered reftel invitation to attend Washington discussions on the Joint Data Exchange Center (JDEC) and Pre-Launch Notification Systems to the Foreign Ministry's North America Department on June 13.

¶2. (SBU) Aleksey Ivanov expressed appreciation for the invitation but noted that the GOR still had not formulated its position on the upcoming talks. There will be an interagency meeting during the week of June 18 to do so. He said it would be helpful to have a formal draft agenda beforehand as a guide for next week's interagency meeting.

¶3. (SBU) Administratively, Ivanov said Lieutenant General Yevgeniy Buzhinskiy of the Defense Ministry's International Treaty Department will head the Russian delegation, which will likely consist of ten members overall -- seven from Defense and three from the Foreign Ministry.

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